

Constitutional Amendments by Proposition Submitted by the 78th Legislature



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Propositions for the September 13, 2003, Ballot

- **Proposition 1: (HJR 68 - Hupp/Fraser)**
Authorizes the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds.
- **Proposition 2: (HJR 51 - Flores/Staples)**
Authorizes the establishment of a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale.
- **Proposition 3: (HJR 55 - Zedler/Janek)**
Authorizes the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility.
- **Proposition 4: (SJR 30 - Lindsay/Callegari)**
Authorizes the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts.
- **Proposition 5: (SJR 25 - Staples/Chisum)**
Authorizes the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income.
- **Proposition 6: (HJR 23 - Hochberg/Carona)**
Authorizes refinancing a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage.
- **Proposition 7: (HJR 44 - Hughes/Ratliff)**
Authorizes a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial.
- **Proposition 8: (HJR 62 - Truitt/Nelson)**
Authorizes the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office.
- **Proposition 9: (HJR 68 - Hupp/Fraser)**
Relates to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund.
- **Proposition 10: (HJR 61 - McReynolds/Armbrister)**
Authorizes municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments.
- **Proposition 11: (HJR 85 - Homer/Estes)**
Allows the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state.



- **Proposition 12: (HJR 3 - Nixon/Nelson)**
Authorizes the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages in civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions.
- **Proposition 13: (HJR 16 - Brown, Fred/Nelson)**
Authorizes counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses.
- **Proposition 14: (HJR 28 - Pickett/Lucio)**
Provides for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund.
- **Proposition 15: (HJR 54 - King/Brimer)**
Provides that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired.
- **Proposition 16: (SJR 42 - Carona/Solomons)**
Authorizes a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans.
- **Proposition 17: (HJR 21 - Hamric/Van de Putte)**
Prohibits an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person.
- **Proposition 18: (HJR 59 - Uresti/Van de Putte)**
Authorizes the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office.
- **Proposition 19: (SJR 45 - Madla/Lewis)**
Repeals the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts.
- **Proposition 20: (SJR 55 - Shapleigh/Corte)**
Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, to be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations.
- **Proposition 21: (SJR 19 - Williams/Eissler)**
Authorizes a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district.
- **Proposition 22: (HJR 84 - Uresti/Van de Putte)**
Authorizes the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces.